

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, March 23, 1892, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Parker House, Boston. March 23rd, 1892. My darling Mabel:

Don't be alarmed by my note of yesterday. I am not ill — but away down in the depths. I am longing for you to be near me, and cannot bear the thought of your staying abroad. I can't do without you any longer — and I long for Elsie and Daisy too.

I have heard nothing from Mr. McCurdy for a long time. Is he still on the other side or did he sail by “The Majestic” due in New York today!

I shall know tomorrow whether he arrived by the Majestic and if not I shall telegraph you for his whereabouts. If you cannot come soon — and do not need him — I want him very badly. Must either have him or engage a stenographer or typewriter to help me with my lecture and correspondence.

Hard at work all day with Mr. Roberts — reading over old testimony and imbibing points.

Saw Mr. Watson this morning — also Mr. Lockwood — the Electrician of the American Bell. Mr. Hitz is staying with me here. Mr. James P. Burbank called. He will undertake superintendence of manufacturing Visible Speech type for illustrations of my lectures. Mr. Westervelt writes that Dr. Hewson's manuscript received — and splendid illustrations. Mrs. Pratt called and submitted final draft of Miss Sullivan's paper on Helen Keller.

Mr. Greenberger has made formal application to Gallaudet for admission of his pupils. Mr. Grouter has written a splendid letter to Gallaudet upon subject of Oral Department in College — 2 which will be published in Silent World tomorrow.

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Dr. Putnam called yesterday (I think) in response to cablegram from you. My handwriting will show you that my hand is better. Haven't full power yet — but writing O.K. Cannot lift a teacup full of tea however in ordinary way. Dr. Putnam will call again and examine into matter. My Mother says that she has had a similar experience. Her mother also had her right hand similarly effected in her old age — but she never fully recovered use of hand. My hand is now nearly well. Glad to receive more encouraging news of Elsie by cable. Good night my darling — Come home soon.

Your loving husband, Alec.